(c) the officer who detected the defalcation;
(d) the date of each defalcation;
(e) when were the accounts inspected by the Comptroller's Office last;
(f) whether any such action by the same officer was on a previous occasion detected and excused; if so, by whom and when?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) N. P. Rama Ayyar. The total amount of defalcation can be fixed only after orders are passed on the explanation called for from the officers concerned and the audit report of the Comptroller of Accounts.
(b), (c) and (d). Vide the latter part of the answer to (a).
(e) This was not subject to local audit.
(f) No record showing any previous defalcation is forthcoming?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (a), when were explanations called for from these officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About five months ago.

In-patients in the Central Jail and their diseases.

163. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—
(a) (i) the names of the in-patients in the Central Jail, Trichur;
(ii) the names of those who are suffering from neuritis, and
(iii) the duration of the disease of each;
(b) (i) whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer wrote in the Visitor's book regarding these in-patients;
(ii) if so, what did he write;
(c) (i) whether the Medical Officer in charge of the Jail Hospital and the Superintendent of Jail made any report to the Diwan regarding this;
(ii) if so, what was their report;
(iii) what were the final orders passed by the Diwan;
(d) what is the financial position of each of these patients?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—
(a) (i)
1. Shaikannan.
2. Vareed.
3. Suppayyan.
4. Devassy.
5. Mufugan.
6. Raman.
7. Kesavan.
8. Piely.

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9. Venkitachalam.

(ii) and (iii) 1. Shaikannan, since 20— 2—1104.
2. Vareed ,, 8—12—1103.
3. Suppayyan ,, 7—10—1104.
4. Kuriappan ,, 27— 4—1105.

(b) (i) Yes.

(ii) The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's remarks are placed on the Council table.

(c) (i) No.

(ii) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (i).

(iii) Diwan's Proceedings Dis. No. 1015/D/1105, dated 8th March 1930, Judicial and Legislative Department. (Sanctions the transfer of prisoner Kuriappan for treatment at the General Hospital, Ernakulam).

Diwan's Proceedings Dis. No. 1334/D/1105, dated 23rd May 1930, Judicial and Legislative Department (Ordering to retransfer convict Kuriappan to the Central Jail.)

(d) There is no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Remarks, dated 8th July 1926. I saw four cases of neuritis "one of which was in an advanced state—all contracted since admission and two of whom within two to four months of their coming in jail." May I know who were these patients?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—What is the Hon'ble Member exactly referring to?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I did not hear the Hon'ble Member.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I should like to have a specific question put.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This is a specific question. Remarks, dated 8th July 1926, made by the Chief Medical Officer in the Visitor's book in the Central Jail. "I saw four cases of neuritis one of which was in an advanced state—all contracted since admission and two of whom within 2 to 4 months of their coming into jail." I want to know the names of those patients.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then again, "Visited. Everything in order. Saw two cases of neuritis in hospital one of whom Sheikannan, seems to be suffering from an acute type". Here the answer to the question as to the duration of disease is Sheikannan since 20th Kanni 1104. In the remark it is said 3rd Kanni 1104. I want to know which is correct.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—One or the other is incorrect.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Which is incorrect?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I cannot say now. Notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The information given is not correct. So notice is wanted for having given a false information.

President.—That is a comment on the answer. Which date is correct is the question, and he says notice is wanted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then again in the report No. 4, January 10th. May I know which is the year? Simply January 10th, year is not given here.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Probably 1930; is that the last report?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This is the 4th visit. "Inspected the Jail. 140 prisoners. It is incumbent to bring to notice that accommodation is insufficient," etc.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then remark in the Visitors' Book, dated 11th March 1929. "Visited the Jail particularly with a view to observe the result of Ayurvedic treatment of two cases of neuritis which has been carried on for over a month. Weekly reports which were being submitted showed that there has been no appreciable benefit to the patients. I hardly think it worthwhile to persevere with this treatment which is by no means simple as half a dozen convicts have to be detailed to carry on the treatment, nor is it a cheap mode of treatment suitable to the poor, as the cost of the treatment is estimated at Rs. 200 besides remuneration to Vaidyan. Rs. 150 has nearly been spent without any result up-to date". May I know, if this treatment was found to be of no use, why Kuriappan was taken to the General Hospital for treatment?

President.—Was he brought to the General Hospital for Ayurvedic treatment?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No. From what is stated there it will be seen that no great benefit was derived by Ayurvedic treatment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was he taken here?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I want a specific question. I cannot answer such questions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The treatment was considered to be useless. Then why Kuriappan was brought here recently after this remark was made?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That treatment was for somebody else; not Kuriappan.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This treatment was found to be useless.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Not Kuriappan. That was the very reason why he was brought here. Ayurvedic treatment was found to be useless in all cases. There was no

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necessity to try again Ayurvedic treatment for a new case. I brought a fresh case for treatment here.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—You have already remarked here that Allopathic treatment was of no use. Here it is stated:

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Where is it stated?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here it is stated. Remark, dated 8th July 1926. "I saw four cases of neuritis, one of which was in an advanced state—all contracted since admission and two of whom within 2 to 4 months of their coming into jail—Lathyrism may be at the bottom of this (diseased grains of rice or dhal) or to vitamine deficiency. I wish the Civil Surgeon will investigate this point. A diet of bran cakes with a little salt and ghee may be given for these cases as extra to their diets. I would recommend the cultivation of radish in the Jail garden and give it as vegetable to the prisoners." Again visited 1st March 1927. "Visited. Incidents of neuritis does not seem to have been affected by the special diet recommended. Bran cakes and."....

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I cannot remember all these questions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"Bran cakes and ghee may be stopped. I propose giving Sardinel, one teaspoonful after food twice daily to all those who complain of pain tingling in the feet or those who show signs of irritation at the corner of the mouth". Again visited dated 3rd Kanni 1104. "Visited. Everything in order. Saw two cases of neuritis in Hospital, one of whom, Shaikannan, seems to be suffering from an acute type".

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Member is reading from the papers placed on the Table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Again visited, 4th January. "Inspected the Jail. 140 prisoners. It is incumbent to bring to notice that accommodation is insufficient, as I understand that two prisioners are accommodated in a cell which is intended for one. I hope this will receive early attention of the Government as there are already evidence of unhealthy conditions such as the continued prevalance of Beri-Beri the exact cause of which seems still obscure.

"Anyway it is necessary that gross insanitary conditions such as over-crowding should not be allowed to prevail"

President.—Why should you read all this.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here it is stated that Allopathic treatment for this disease of Neuritis was found useless. And now it is stated that Kuriappan is taken to General Hospital for Allopathic treatment.

President.—Let us understand each other. We had a lot of talk on this subject, and again the talk is being repeated. If, on any particular point, you want information, an attempt may be made to answer here. What is it that you want? Leave off those remarks and everything there. Let the paper be on the Table. Let us have a face-to-face talk.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Let me finish the remark read above. 'The Superintendent may be empowered to incur expense for the purchase of Ayurvedic medicines for those cases of beri-beri up to a limit of Rs. 25 for each case for the present.' It is admitted that Allopathic treatment is of no use. He stated that Kuriappan was brought to the General Hospital because he wanted to try this treatment. So I want to know why he alone was brought here.

President.—According to the doctor it is stated nowhere that Allopathic treatment was of no use.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Exactly.

President.—Let us not flinch. There is no use of going this way and that way. One specific question and one specific answer. Reading remarks does not form questions. We want points to be answered. If the question is not legible, he will admit that he cannot give the answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was the Superintendent asked to try this Ayurvedic treatment?

President.—Because somebody in Perumanur affected by the same disease was cured by resorting to this Ayurvedic treatment. Therefore, the Superintendent was asked to do that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Am I to understand that, when it was found that the disease could not be cured by Allopathic treatment, this Ayurvedic treatment was resorted to?

Then I want to know why he was brought to the General Hospital here again, if it is of no use?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Allopathic treatment that was carried on in the Jail was insufficient. I have stated that. I never stated special treatment under me here was found to be of no use.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the financial position of each of these patients?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There is no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any enquiry made regarding this?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No enquiry was made.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether the judgment in that case was referred to. And if so, whether there was any mention made in the judgment about the financial position of this man?

President.—The judgment was not looked into.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any enquiry made before this answer was given?

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President.—No enquiry was necessary. Why should we consider the financial position of these patients? What has the Government to do with the wealth or poverty of the men in the Jail?

Extension of the term of the Trichur Additional Judge.

164. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the necessity for giving extension to the Additional District Court at Trichur;

(b) was the Chief Court consulted on this matter; if so, what was their report and will a copy be placed on the table;

(c) what was the opinion of the Trichur District Judge in this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Without specifying the particular extension to which reference is made, it is not possible to furnish the information.

(b) and (c) No answer is necessary in view of that furnished to (a).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer to subdivision (a) of my question is 'without specifying the particular extension to which reference is made'. My question was put at a time when an extension was given. So the exact period was not mentioned.

President.—There might have been a number of extensions. Which extension you are referring to is a point on which information is wanted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When I put that question, was an extension given to the Additional District Court?

President.—Was there only one extension?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—At that time when I put that question.

President.—On the day you put this question?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Not exactly on that date, but at that time.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Court has been sitting under several orders giving extension. Unless the particular period or particular extension referred to is mentioned, it is impossible to say the reasons.

Superannuated officers in service.

165. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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